IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (**Currently Amended**) A method for securely loading an application onto ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:

   a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept loading of said application; and

   a second step of loading the application onto the IC card after the first step.

2.   (**Currently Amended**) A method for securely deleting an application from ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:

   a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block that ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept deleting of said application; and

   a second step of deleting the application from the IC card after the first step.

3.   (**Currently Amended**) A method for securely loading an application onto ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:

   a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept loading of said application; and

   a second step of loading the application onto the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the loading of the application.

4.   (**Currently Amended**) A method for securely deleting an application from ~~an IC card~~ at least one integrated circuit (IC) card, comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether ~~said IC~~ the at least one IC card is ~~qualified~~ part of a qualified set of IC cards to accept deleting of said application; and

a second step of deleting the application from the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the deleting of the application.